

**IL HIE Medicaid Work Group
Meeting Notes
March 10, 2014**

Attendees (by phone):

Dave Barnes	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Julie Bonello	Access Community Health
Pat Borrowdale	Pediatric Health Associates
Connie Christen	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Julie Glen	Loyola University
Roger Holloway	Illinois Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (IL-HITREC)
Peter Ingram	Sinai Health System
Wyona Johnson	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Roger King	Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Karen Land	Rush University Medical Center
Kelsey Landers	IL Health Information Exchange Authority
Cathy Potter	SIU Health Care
Mary Ring	Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network
Andrea Romanik	Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Direndia Shackelford	Advocate Physician Partners
Dale Webb	Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Eva Winckler	Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center

1. Testing of Phase 2 Medicaid Incentive Payment Program (eMIPP) Application

Wyona Johnson reported that testing of the phase 2 application began and it is going well. It is on target to launch on March 31st.

Wyona reminded the group about the planned application outage on March 28th from 6:00 pm until 12:00 pm.

Dave Barnes said that the one major change in the phase 2 application is that CQM (clinical quality measures) reporting can be done electronically. Most of the other changes are for stage 2 reporting.

Wyona stated that another change in the 2014 application for Eligible Professionals (EPs) is the option of the 90 day reporting period. It will not be aligned with quarters as the work group previously discussed. Any 90 day reporting period can be used. Eligible Hospitals (EHs) are still subject to the quarters because of Medicare quarter requirements.

2. Hardship Informational Notice

Wyona discussed the two draft informational provider notices regarding potential payment adjustments that may be imposed by Medicare for EPs. Medicaid providers who are only eligible to participate in the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program are not subject to these payment adjustments. EPs have until July 1, 2014 to apply for a hardship exception.

Eligible Hospitals (EHs) may be exempt from payment adjustments if they can show that demonstrating meaningful use would result in a significant hardship. For EHs, the payment adjustments will be applied beginning on October 1, 2014, for Medicare-eligible hospitals. Medicaid-eligible hospitals that can only participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and do not bill Medicare are not subject to these payment adjustments. EH hardship exception applications must be submitted by April 1, 2014. Wyona asked the group to review the notices and send comments to her.

3. Audit Strategy Approval by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services

The Office of the Inspector General will start conducting audits of the eMIPP. **Wyona** may have an Inspector General staff person attend a work group call. **Julie Glen** suggested that it would be good to align with Medicare audits. Wyona and Julie will discuss.

4. Review of Electronic Health Record Provider Program Statistics

Dave reviewed the statistics and said that nine more EHs and 76 EPs have been paid since the last work group call. Over \$366 million has been disbursed since the program began.

Meeting adjourned. The next call is scheduled on March 24th.